

Hotbed of Nazism Repents for Sins

Coburg Planning for School For Democracy.

COBURG, GERMANY. — This well-spring of Nazism wants to redeem its good name by organizing an "international academy for agreement among the nations" where students from all over the world can study democracy.

It is a strange thing — this mass repentance by a city for past sins. It is believable only in Germany.

Coburg for centuries was the ducal seat of the Six-Coburg Hesse rulers, a princely royal family which produced kings for several European countries.

Under Hitler it was awarded the Coburg medal for being one of the first German cities to embrace Nazism.

Now the colorful Bavarian "postcard town," where Martin Luther once preached, wants to take the lead in switching the German nation over to its third ideology in 30 years — this time, democracy.

Monarchy and Nazism are no longer considered respectable.

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Chinese Reds Loot Tombs of Emperors

Treasure-Filled Vaults Are Stripped of Wealth.

PEIPING, CHINA. — Chinese government authorities charge that militant under Chinese Communist direction had looted the treasure-filled tombs of three of China's Manchu emperors.

The report said the tombs of Emperors Kang Hsi, Hsien Feng and Tung Chi had been entered last December and plundered of gold, jewels, pearls, precious stones and ornaments. The tombs are in the secluded burial grounds of the Tsing dynasty, in the western foothills of Hopei province.

LT. (GP) Bryan V. Williams of Pittsburgh, Pa., a navy doctor, visited the tombs, however, and reported that although they were crumbling from neglect, they were unable to determine that they had been looted.

The government report said a group of militia and volunteers blasted their way into the tombs last December 14.

The raiders, the report said, first entered the tomb of Kang Hsi, second of the ruling Coburg international center for the study of democratic culture was conceived by Oberbürgermeister (mayor) Meyer and a number of business and professional leaders.

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Tailored Trimness



Iona Massey wears a gray, hard-finished, tailored suit with a long, fitted jacket. Specially cut seams form a set-in pocket at hip level. The gray hat is highlighted by a black and white striped band.

Nine Squatter Families Seize Scottish House

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.—Nine families, members of the Edinburgh "housing association," have readied themselves in a vacant 12 room house with food, candles and fuel supplies to last a week.

The squatters, who entered the house, refused to open the doors to callers. Police said they would not disturb them unless a complaint was filed, since they did not know whether the house had been requisitioned by the city council or was in possession of the owner. It was vacated last February by the army.

Mrs. M. Anning, who is in the house with her seven children, said: "I am forced to do this and I am waiting for my husband, who is in the army, to return to help with the fight."

Don't Expect Soldier to Send You Japanese Sword
TOKYO.—This is a severe blow to war souvenir collectors.

Mailing trophies such as firearms or swords was stopped. Henceforth, only personnel who were in the Pacific before V-J Day will be permitted to mail such souvenirs.

In a recent week postal clerks handled eight freight car loads of souvenirs.

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Axis Spy Outfit Broken in China

Rings Suspected of Causing U. S. Army and Navy Losses in Pacific.

SHANGHAI. — Twenty German, Italian and Japanese agents, all members of a Nazi-sponsored work organization that carried on war against the United States in China long after the Reich had surrendered, have been seized, American authorities here have revealed, according to the Associated Press.

The agents included Lt. Col. Ludwig Ehrhardt, head of all German military and naval intelligence in Asia and a close personal friend of Adolf Hitler. The German and Italian agents will be charged with violation of surrender terms.

Demand Action.
Additional arrests and wholesale deportations are expected shortly, since the United States state department has recently demanded action against Nazis and Fascists known to be in China. One official said at least 1,500 persons were on the state department's "discreet and undesirable" list in China.

The 20 men who were seized hoped Japan as well as Germany. The Japanese, it was explained, were in part at breaking codes and interpreting messages monitored from foreign radio stations, and the ring helped them perform this work.

The ring operated as the Ehrhardt bureau, with offices in Shanghai, Canton and Peking. Officials believed they were responsible for the sinking of a number of American ships, including at least one aircraft carrier, and heavy losses in the early phases of the Okinawa and other Pacific campaigns.

The four Nazi principals arrested in Shanghai had all been interned at one time by the Chinese government and released later on a variety of pretexts. At least one was employed by the Chinese government after the end of the war.

Expert Code Breaker.
Arrested with Colonel Ehrhardt in Shanghai were Bobo Habenicht, an expert Nazi code-breaker, Johannes Rattke, former personal pilot for Marshal Hermann Goering, and Wolfgang Schenke, a former newspaper correspondent who was trained as an agent by the German high command.

Habenicht early in the war broke a code of the United States coast guard and directed German submarines in the Atlantic to Allied ships. He was responsible for the sinking of many ships.

Father's specialty was supplying information on American aircraft installations to Japan. Schenke helped uncover Chungking agents who were smuggling Americans and other Allied nationals from occupied China to unoccupied China.

Adolfo Rosi and W. Mantovani, two of the Italians arrested, were radio operators for the Ehrhardt bureau in Shanghai. They had been operators aboard the Italian liner Conte Verdi, which was scuttled at Shanghai. They and Dr. Takashima Tami, son of a Japanese paper mill owner, who served as a liaison officer between the ring and the Japanese government, probably will be held as material witnesses.

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Rocks News

Rocks, June 24.—Farmers started cutting wheat last Monday.

Robert Roach took a load of calves to Lynchburg last Monday morning.

Bernard Moore, of Montgomery, W. Va. came in last week to help his grandfather, A. T. Anderson, cut wheat.

Mrs. D. W. Dinkins, of Lynchburg, spent a Sunday recently with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Jones and children, of Portsmouth, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mrs. S. C. Ransom, Mrs. H. P. Martin and Miss Cassie Baldwin, of the W. M. U. Executive board, visiting at the Lynchburg Baptist Church last Monday afternoon.

J. H. Ransom and son, Winston, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Flesham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ransom and daughter, Mary Willie, spent last Sunday at Darlington Heights with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Williams of Waynesboro made a short visit here one day last week to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Almond, of Lynchburg, were supper guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond Sunday.

Several young ladies from Rocks will attend the B. T. U. convention at Massanutta Springs next week.

Oscar Ferguson, who has been in the Navy for several years, has received his discharge and is at his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ferguson.

Mr. D. B. Rags and son, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rags, and Mrs. L. L. Martin to Lynchburg Sunday afternoon.

W. N. Abicht, Mr. Irby and Mr. Plunkett, of Appomattox, were at Rocks Sunday school last Sunday to judge the speakers who entered.

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